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REGRETTABLY the decline in our playing fortunes, which started with a heavy defeat at Sheffield, has continued. A point lost at Deepdale to Fulham was quickly followed by our second home defeat, and on Saturday at Oxford the game went against us by the odd goal in three.

Oxford merited their victory in an extremely scrappy match, though the scoring of the deciding goal in the last minute was very disappointing for us.

Thus, after picking up seven points out of eight in the four matches following our lone-goal defeat at Derby, and keeping a clean sheet, we had only one point to show for the next four. Our hitherto good defence record took a knock with two goals to 10.

As many as 15 of the 25 in the debit column have been scored in only five of our 22 matches. This might not have mattered much but for our own goal famine continuing. The last time we scored two was on September 30.

The output for the last 11 matches is seven for, 13 against, compared with 14 to 12 in the first 11 games. Even though goals, in general, are becoming harder to get in League football, this is a disturbingly low total which we hope will soon improve.

There is little satisfaction in having the fourth lowest aggregate in the Division, the clubs worse off being Aston Villa and Bristol City (16 each) and Oxford United (17), all of them in the bottom five.

Willie Irvine certainly could do with more effective support. His share of our 21 League goals is 12. Of his colleagues only Ken Knighton (three) and Gerry Ingram (two) have contributed more than one. Gerry's belated second on Saturday was wrongly credited to Frank Lee.

AT HOME IN THE CUP

Our visitors today, Derby County, surprisingly have scored fewer goals (25) than 15 teams in the Division, considering their high position. Thanks to a very capable defence, they come as joint leaders, on points, with Middlesbrough, both having 28.

They have conceded only 18 goals in 21 matches, and have a game in hand. The next lowest is Blackpool's 19, then Blackburn Rovers' 22. Birmingham are top scorers with 40, but have conceded 42.

Derby are strongly in the running for promotion through being unbeaten at home (seven wins, four draws) and gaining 10 points in away matches which have resulted in three wins, four draws and three defeats. In these 10 games they have scored seven goals to nine.

As they won our preceding meeting with them, by 1-0 at Derby, their ambition is to complete the double. Our aim, needless to say, will be to see that they don't!

The luck of the F.A. Cup draw on Monday brought North End the welcome change of a home tie, with First Division opponents Nottingham Forest, an added attraction.

This is only the fourth Cup clash in the long history of the clubs. There were two in the old days, resulting in home victories for Forest, and the last meeting was in a replay at Deepdale at the start of our run to Wembley. Howard Kendall scored the only goal.

Programme: Editorial—WALTER PILKINGTON and STUART WEBB (Asst. Secretary)

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From the Manager's Chair

HOW I SEE IT

by North End manager
BOBBY SEITH

I AM AFRAID we have little to enthuse over considering recent setbacks, certainly a lot less than one had hoped for after getting seven points from four matches and not forfeiting a goal.

Since then, as the record plainly shows, there has been a decline, due I think mainly to injuries and consequent loss of confidence, and with it loss of cohesion and form.

This, I feel, is a valid reason, not an excuse. Our supporters are disappointed because they naturally think in terms of success, but not all of them have been too critical to make allowances for obvious contributory factors.

I have had several sympathetic letters from people who realise the effect on performances and team efficiency of long lasting injuries to key players in a settled side. I see it was remarked the other day that Carlisle had not had to face any injury problems during their long run of success.

Of the five players we have had injured during recent weeks, Wilson, Spavin, Temple, Ritchie and Smith, only Derek Temple has fully recovered his fitness. If we had started to play badly before these injuries then I agree there would be no excuse, but the loss of form unfortunately coincided with the increasing number of players who became unfit. We must hope it is only a mini-slump.

What are reserves for? Why don't you give them a chance? . . . These are questions some of the fans have been asking. Surely no answer is needed in face of facts. Patrick, Bright, Gemmill, Hughes, Lyall and Lee have graduated through the reserves and have had spells in the First team recently. Stewart was standing by to come in for Alan Kelly, then unfit, when the match with Fulham had to be postponed. If our reserves merit an opportunity in the first team you can be sure they will get it when the time comes. Why else have Reserves?

There is this matter, too, of confidence, or the lack of it, about which those inside a club, and particularly players, really know more, with all due respect to our supporters, than the public.

The loss of it, as in most games, is an indefinable but very tangible thing, perhaps giving rise to that so familiar expression about matters going from bad to worse! So they do, often when not expected, and not least on a football field. When playing well any team can ride an off-day by one or two players; they usually get the breaks as well. That's how the game goes.

It is a different story as a rule when the regular formation has been upset. Players become over-anxious and make mistakes. Little things are magnified. An off-day for the odd one so often starts an epidemic, as in our match at Oxford. We didn't deserve a point there, or even the goal we got taking the game as a whole, but it was a bit rough to lose by what was almost the last kick. Our luck finally ran out.

When you are playing well no one minds making a few mistakes. Without risking a mistake you do not get anything. Individuals want the ball: more of them are prepared to accept responsibility instead of leaving it to someone else. Not so when the pressure is on. The more there is the more difficult the game becomes. Several in the team can withstand it, but there are always those who wilt. All these things have something to do with confidence—the secret of success.

North End had none at all some 12 months ago, but they found the will to fight back. If nothing else, despite bad results of late, we are still a better side than last year and in a considerably more satisfactory position. What we have done before we can do again, namely do more than hold our own.

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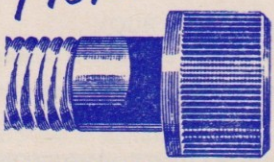

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OUR VISITORS

WELCOME to Derby County, whose consistency has earned them an excellent chance of returning to the First Division which they graced for 43 seasons, starting with 19 as founder members along with North End and 10 others. We have met in 39 of The League's 70 seasons, today's game being the 78th. North End scored 125 goals to 98 in gaining 84 points from the preceding 77, winning 36.

Derby have won only five and drawn seven of 38 at Deepdale: in fact they lost the first six by 21 goals to nil. Our goal figures in the home games are 85—31. A strange bit of history is that we were relegated together in 1913-14 and both clubs gained promotion the following season.

This is their 12th season of a fifth spell of Second Division football, covering 25 seasons. Falling upon even leaner times in 1955, Derby spent two years in Division Three (North) but proved themselves in a false position by amassing 63 points in each campaign, and scoring altogether 221 goals.

The popular "Rams" came into being in 1884 as a winter section of the County Cricket Club. Although never higher than runners up in Division One, a feat achieved three times, they can be proud of their F.A. Cup record, which includes four appearances in the Final. They won the trophy in 1946 when they had almost given up hope, scoring three goals in extra time to beat Charlton.

Derby had not been beaten in 10 games in the autumn of 1947 when they visited Deepdale and lost a thrilling game that is still often discussed. North End were two goals down in seven minutes, level (3-3) at half-time, and won 7-4 in a tremendous fighting finish. Tom Finney and Shankly were outstanding in the following team (scorers in brackets): Gooch, Gray, Robertson; Shankly, (2, 1 pen.), Williams, Horton; Finney, Beattie (1), Willie McIntosh (2), McLaren (2), and Anders.

Derby's big improvement this season is the more remarkable in the light of their struggle to keep away from the bottom of Division Two in the relegation scramble of last spring. Losing three points to North End at Easter they were equally worried about how it would all end. Finally Derby occupied 18th position with 36 points. Preston finished two places lower with 35 points.

Since then Derby have invested a lot of money in players whom they believe can put the present leaders where they believe they belong. The costliest of the newcomers was little Willie Carlin, signed from Sheffield United for easily Derby's highest fee. He made his name as Carlisle's scheming inside forward. Another rewarding acquisition has been tough Dave Mackay from Tottenham.

New manager Brian Clough, whose playing career was tragically cut short, has been able to get good results from his players, and success is reviving enthusiasm at Derby. Last season's top gate there was 27,043, but when Birmingham came this season the crowd totalled more than 34,000, only 4,000 short of the ground record. Nine of the present team have played with other League clubs.

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Les GREEN (*goalkeeper*). A shrewd £8,000 signing from Rochdale to replace former England star Reg Matthews. Previously with Hartlepools United.

Ron WEBSTER (*right back*). Proud to have an established place in his home town team, after ill-luck with injuries. Turned professional 1960.

John ROBSON (*left back*). Fine progress since becoming a professional last season, when he was in the first team four times. Came from the Tyneside area. At 18 is an excellent prospect.

Alan DURBAN (*right half*). Born at Port Talbot, and was signed from Cardiff City. A Welsh international, he is a former forward who twice topped his club's scoring list. A £10,000 bargain.

Roy McFARLAND (*centre half*). Another youngster of distinct promise, as proved by his mature command of the middle at only 20 years of age. Derby's middle line would have been an all international trio but for his withdrawal from the England Under-23 line up v. Wales to play in his club's League Cup replay with Chelsea. Derby paid Tranmere £25,000 for him. As Brian Clough rates him the best centre half in the country it was evidently money well spent.

Dave MACKAY (*left half*). Needs no introduction, his name being one of the best known in British football. Former Hearts and Scotland star who was signed from Spurs in July for only £15,000. He was Tottenham's inspiring captain when they achieved the League and Cup double in 1961.

Jimmy WALKER (*outside right*). Another newcomer who made a quick impact. Signed as an amateur last season, he soon made his League debut, and has progressed fast. A Cheshire League product.

Willie CARLIN (*inside right*). An experienced, artful, good provider with his subtle touches. To Derby via his native Liverpool, Halifax, Carlisle and Sheffield United. Cost over £60,000. An ex-England schoolboy and youth international, was discarded by Bill Shankly as too small.

John O'HARE (*centre forward*). Usually forms a double spearhead with Hector—they scored 33 goals between them last season. Clever enough to be a cheap buy from Sunderland at £20,000 last term.

Kevin HECTOR (*inside left*). Recalls Charlie Wayman, of North End fame, in that he has been his club's top scorer in all his last six seasons. Cost Derby £40,000 when signed from Bradford. His League goals record: 19, 17, 29, 44, 16 and 21.

Alan HINTON (*outside left*). Won three England caps after gaining Youth and Under-23 honours as a Wolves' prodigy. Lively raider with powerful shot. Signed from Nottingham Forest for £30,000.

← DERBY COUNTY, SEASON 1968-69

Back, left to right: P. Wright, R. Bostock, R. Webster, C. Boulton, L. Green, J. Rhodes, B. Butlin, J. Walker.
Centre, left to right: A. Durban, A. Stewart, R. Barker, J. O'Hare, K. Hector, A. Hinton.
Front, left to right: J. Richardson, P. Daniel, J. Robson.
Inset: D. Mackay.

DERBY COUNTY

Derek pictured at home with his wife Maureen and children Neil and Philip

FOCUS on DEREK TEMPLE

ONE WHO HAS not given up hope of North End gaining promotion is this stylish, polished and versatile forward whose transfer from Everton to Deepdale last season cost a very substantial fee. He produced some attractive displays in making 32 League appearances and scored eight goals in addition to those which came from opportunities created by his skill and neat deception.

His fancies for the two clubs to go up are (1) Blackburn Rovers, (2) Preston North End. There seems a touch of club loyalty, too, in his tip for the League Championship. Who else but his beloved Everton (he was born in Liverpool)? It is a wonder he does not plump for them as prospective F.A. Cup winners as well! He was disappointed when Everton were beaten at Wembley last season.

Quietly he is longing for a repeat of the feat they accomplished with his aid two years ago, when he scored one of Everton's three winning goals in the Final, v. Sheffield Wednesday.

Derek loves his football, as he does an appreciative crowd. Not surprisingly he enjoys playing against good teams. His favourite away ground is the "Spurs," the reasons being that he always seems to do well there and has usually scored. He likes Tottenham's brand of football but the League team he admires most are West Ham United because they play in an open, attacking style and let the other team play as well. Spoken like the craftsman he is.

His greatest thrill was being selected to play for England, as he was against West Germany in 1965. Not even his Wembley Cup Final appearance for Everton took precedence over this. His dearest wish now is to finish this season in a promotion-winning Preston team.

His other sporting pursuit is coaching, and, judging by the fact that his hobbies include golf, motoring, photography and home decorating, he is not the type to sit twiddling his thumbs for want of something else to do. As yet he has no business ambition, but there is one other consuming interest—his family. It comprises his wife Maureen, and two youngsters, Neil, aged four, and Philip, three months. Still less reason for him ever to become bored.

He drives a Vauxhall 101 and his pet aversions include litter bugs and bad driving. As a youngster he was keen on football, and gained Lancashire and England honours at centre forward, this before signing for Everton, his first League club, in 1956. He stayed for 11 years, and earned much admiration by his adept and intelligent use of his gifts.

Like Tom Finney and Bobby Foster, he has played in every forward position for North End.

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League Division II, 1968-69

1968			1968-9	1967-8	Pts.	Gain	Loss	Attendances 1968-9	Attendances 1967-8
Aug. 10	Middlesbrough	A	1–2	0–5	0	4,664	—	19,014	14,350
,, 14	**F.L. Cup 1st Round, Oldham**	**H**	**1–1**	-	-	—	—	10,287	—
,, 17	Huddersfield Town	H	1–0	3–1	2	—	681	12,673	13,354
,, 21	**F.L. Cup 1st Rd. Replay, Oldham**	**A**	**1–0**	-	-	—	—	4,434	—
,, 24	Cardiff City	A	0–1	0–2	0	—	1,553	11,344	12,897
,, 26	Portsmouth	H	0–0	3–1	1	3,890	—	13,828	9,938
,, 31	Birmingham City	H	4–1	0–0	2	—	2,760	14,112	16,872
Sept. 4	**League Cup 2nd Rd., Crystal P.**	**A**	**1–3**	-	-	—	—	12,594	—
,, 7	Bury	A	1–0	-	2	—	—	10,609	—
,, 14	Charlton Athletic	H	1–1	4–1	1	2,783	—	13,986	11,203
,, 16	Blackpool	A	1–1	1–4	1	10,684	—	27,975	16,291
,, 21	Crystal Palace	A	2–1	0–2	2	5,807	—	13,577	7,770
,, 28	Norwich City	H	1–3	1–0	0	—	258	14,778	15,036
,, 30	Carlisle United	H	2–2	0–2	1	1,503	—	14,984	13,481
Oct. 5	Blackburn Rovers	H	1–1	3–5	1	649	—	20,681	20,032
,, 9	Portsmouth	A	1–1	1–2	1	—	1,042	20,393	21,435
,, 12	Derby County	A	0–1	2–1	0	9,363	—	27,146	17,783
,, 19	Hull City	H	1–0	3–2	2	—	505	13,823	14,328
,, 26	Millwall	A	0–0	0–2	1	6,091	—	15,827	9,736
Nov. 9	Aston Villa	A	1–0	0–1	2	109	—	13,374	13,285
,, 16	Bristol City	H	1–0	0–1	2	2,200	—	12,325	10,125
,, 23	Sheffield United	A	0–4	-	0	—	—	15,969	—
,, 25	Fulham	H	0–0	-	1	—	—	14,730	—
,, 30	Bolton Wanderers	H	1–4	1–1	0	—	4,556	15,242	19,798
Dec. 7	Oxford United	A	1–2	-	0	—	—	7,005	—
,, 14	Derby County	H	-	1–1					17,871
,, 20	Hull City	A	-	1–1					14,082
,, 26	Blackburn Rovers	A	-	1–0					20,255
,, 28	Millwall	H	-	0–1					11,445
1969									
Jan. 4	**F.A. Cup 3rd Round**			3–1					—
,, 11	Fulham	A	-	-					—
,, 18	Aston Villa	H	-	2–1					17,043
,, 25	**F.A. Cup 4th Round**			1–3					—
Feb. 1	Bristol City	A	-	1–4					16,935
,, 8	Sheffield United	H	-	-					—
,, 15	Bolton Wanderers	A	-	0–0					14,664
,, 22	Oxford United	H	-	-					—
Mar. 1	Middlesbrough	H	-	0–0					15,229
,, 8	Huddersfield Town	A	-	1–1					10,834
,, 15	Cardiff City	H	-	3–0					13,735
,, 22	Birmingham City	A	-	0–3					27,664
,, 29	Bury	H	-	-					—
April 5	Norwich City	A	-	3–1					18,231
,, 7	Carlisle United	A	-	1–4					11,228
,, 8	Blackpool	H	-	0–2					21,499
,, 12	Crystal Palace	H	-	0–0					13,313
,, 19	Charlton Athletic	A	-	0–0					11,612

Central League, 1968-69

1968			
Aug. 10	Newcastle United	H	3–2
,, 17	Nottingham Forest	A	1–1
,, 20	Everton	A	1–1
,, 24	Coventry City	H	3–1
,, 27	Burnley	A	0–1
,, 31	West Bromwich Albion	A	1–2
Sept. 7	Manchester United	H	2–0
,, 16	Everton	H	0–1
,, 21	Bury	H	3–1
,, 28	Sheffield Wednesday	A	0–1
Oct. 5	Leeds United	A	1–0
,, 12	Blackburn Rovers	H	1–1
,, 14	Leeds United	H	0–0
,, 19	Blackpool	A	0–1
,, 26	Liverpool	H	0–5
Nov. 2	Bolton Wanderers	A	1–2
,, 9	Aston Villa	H	2–2
,, 16	Wolverhampton Wanderers	A	1–0
,, 23	Manchester City	H	2–1
,, 30	Sheffield United	A	2–2
Dec. 7	Derby County	H	3–0
Dec. 14	Blackburn Rovers	A	
,, 21	Blackpool	H	
,, 28	Liverpool	A	
1969			
Jan. 4	Stoke City	H	
,, 11	Bolton Wanderers	H	
,, 18	Aston Villa	A	
,, 25	Burnley	H	
Feb. 1	Wolverhampton Wanderers	H	
,, 8	Manchester City	A	
,, 15	Sheffield United	H	
,, 22	Derby County	A	
Mar. 1	Newcastle United	A	
,, 8	Nottingham Forest	H	
,, 14	Coventry City	A	
,, 22	West Bromwich Albion	H	
,, 29	Manchester United	A	
April 5	Sheffield Wednesday	H	
,, 8	Stoke City	A	
,, 12	Bury	A	
,, 19	Huddersfield Town	H	
—	—Huddersfield Town	A	

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North End Appearances and Goals, 1968-69

Football League, Division II—P22, W7, D8, L7, Goals F21, A25, Pts 22

	G	RB	LB	RH	CH	LH	OR	IR	CF	IL	OL	Total
Alan KELLY	22	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	22
Bert PATRICK	—	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5
George ROSS	—	17	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	19
John RITCHIE	—	—	16	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	16
Jim SMITH	—	—	3	9	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	12
John BRIGHT	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Graham HAWKINS	—	—	—	—	22	—	—	—	—	—	—	22
Ken KNIGHTON	—	—	—	—	—	19	—	—	—	3	—	22
Jim McNAB	—	—	—	13	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	16
David WILSON	—	—	—	—	—	—	15	—	—	—	1	16
David HUGHES	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	3
Alan SPAVIN	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	18	—	—	—	18
Willie IRVINE	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	21	—	—	21
Gerry INGRAM	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	16	—	17
George LYALL	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	2	—	5
Archie GEMMILL	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	5	7
Derek TEMPLE	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	—	8	12
Frank LEE	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	8	8
Total	22	22	22	22	22	22	22	22	22	22	22	

League Division II Scorers—Irvine 12; Knighton 3; Ingram 2; Spavin, Lee, Temple, Gemmill 1 each—Total 21. League Cup Scorers—Irvine 3.

LEAGUE DIVISION II

(up to and including 7th December)

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals F.	A.	Pts
Derby County	21	19	8	3	25	18	28
Middlesbrough	22	12	4	6	33	24	28
Millwall	22	11	5	6	37	24	27
Crystal Palace	22	11	4	7	37	29	26
Cardiff City	22	11	4	7	39	31	26
Charlton Athletic	22	9	8	5	31	28	26
Hull City	22	8	9	5	33	27	25
Huddersfield Town	22	10	5	7	32	27	25
Blackburn Rovers	22	9	6	7	26	22	24
Blackpool	22	7	9	6	28	19	23
Bolton Wanderers	22	8	7	7	33	26	23
Sheffield United	22	9	4	9	30	27	22
Carlisle United	22	7	8	8	24	28	22
Preston North End	22	7	8	7	21	25	22
Portsmouth	22	6	9	7	30	27	21
Norwich City	22	7	6	9	28	29	20
Birmingham City	22	8	2	12	40	42	18
Bury	21	5	6	10	29	45	16
Bristol City	22	3	10	9	16	28	16
Oxford United	22	5	6	11	17	29	16
Fulham	22	3	6	11	23	40	14
Aston Villa	22	3	8	11	16	33	14

CENTRAL LEAGUE

(up to and including 7th December)

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals F.	A.	Pts
Manchester United	22	14	6	2	42	22	34
Liverpool	22	13	6	3	42	12	32
Burnley	23	10	7	6	35	27	27
West Bromwich A.	21	11	4	6	37	25	26
Newcastle United	20	11	3	6	29	21	25
Everton	22	10	4	8	20	24	24
Preston North End	21	8	6	7	27	25	22
Wolverhampton W.	21	8	6	7	28	27	22
Stoke City	19	8	5	6	23	13	21
Bury	21	9	3	9	28	29	21
Aston Villa	21	7	6	8	25	32	20
Nottingham Forest	19	7	6	6	35	31	20
Leeds United	21	6	8	7	19	24	20
Manchester City	20	10	0	10	34	30	20
Sheffield United	20	6	7	7	31	22	19
Sheffield Wednesday	21	7	5	9	24	27	19
Huddersfield Town	21	8	2	11	27	39	18
Bolton Wanderers	21	7	3	11	24	38	17
Blackpool	22	5	6	11	39	47	16
Blackburn Rovers	22	5	5	12	39	44	15
Derby County	20	3	8	9	17	28	14
Coventry City	20	1	6	13	14	37	8

F. A. Cup-Tie 3rd Round—Saturday, 4th January, 1969

PRESTON NORTH END v. NOTTINGHAM FOREST

Tickets will be issued in advance for All Stands and the Pavilion Paddock only for this Match, details as under:—

Ground, 5/- (Juveniles 2/6), Cash at the Stiles. West Paddocks, South and North, 6/- (Juveniles 3/-), Cash at the Stiles. Pavilion Paddock, 6/-, by Ticket only (no half price). West Stand, 8/6, by Ticket only (no half price). South Pavilion, 9/6 by Ticket only (no half price). Pavilion Stand, 11/6, by Ticket only (no half price).

Holders of Reserved Seats will be allotted their own seats. Holders of West Stand Unreserved Season Tickets may apply for Tickets in that Portion.

Holders of Ground and Paddock Season Tickets may apply for Pavilion Paddock Tickets at 6/-.

SEASON TICKET HOLDERS ONLY may make Postal application for Tickets as detailed above, applications to reach Deepdale by Friday, the 20th December, with details of Tickets required, remittance, stamped envelope and Coupon Number 55.

SEASON TICKET HOLDERS may make personal application for Tickets on Sunday, 29th December, between the hours of 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. as under:—

Pavilion, South Pavilion and West Stand Tickets obtainable at the West Stand Office.

Paddock and Ground Season Ticket Holders may obtain Pavilion Paddock Tickets at Town End Ground Stiles 9 and 10.

BALANCE OF SOUTH PAVILION, WEST STAND and PAVILION PADDOCK TICKETS will be on sale on Sunday, 29th December, from 10 a.m. until such time as all tickets are sold, details as under:—

South Pavilion and West Stand Tickets will be on sale from the South Pavilion Turnstiles. (One per person).

Pavilion Paddock Tickets will be on sale from Stiles 5 and 6, Town End Ground Stiles. (One per person).

For Adult Ground Season Ticket Holders not wishing to buy Pavilion Paddock Tickets, the usual Ground Season Ticket Stiles will be open on the day of the Match (FOR ADULTS ONLY). Admission 5/- plus Coupon 55.

DERBY COUNTY QUIZ

1—Derby's official colours are black and white. What was their original fancy?

2—What was remarkable about Derby's baptism as a League club?

3—What notable event occurred within two years of the formation of Derby County F.C.?

4—Which renowned old North Ender became a star turn at Derby?

5—Who was his close confederate in many Derby triumphs?

6—How long had Derby to wait before winning a major honour?

7—Who was Derby's most famous manager?

Answers on page 17

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Today's Personalities

Man at the Helm

BRIAN CLOUGH

(Derby County's Manager)

BRIAN CLOUGH'S early managerial achievements have already proved almost as sensational as his fantastic goalscoring feats as a player. In his first full season at the helm at Hartlepool two seasons ago they finished eighth in Division Four—their best performance for many years. Last year, after he left, the team he helped create won promotion for the first time in their history. He took over at Derby last season and is building a team which could well win back First Division status for the Rams by next May.

When injuries wrote a premature *finis* to his playing career in 1964 he looked back on a fantastic record averaging almost a goal a game over 274 League matches for Middlesbrough and Sunderland. The actual total was 251.

He was the Football League's top scorer in successive campaigns—with 40 goals in 1957/58 and 43 the following year—and led the Second Division three years on the trot. He once hit five goals for the Football League against the Irish League in Belfast.

In spite of his remarkable record, Clough was virtually ignored by the England selectors; an incredible state of affairs, bearing in mind England's dearth of talent during the 'fifties. He played only two games for the full England side and three for the Under-23's. A terrible injustice for the finest goalsnatcher of his era.

Clough scored three times in nine games during his debut season, 1955/56, for Middlesbrough. In the next five years he totalled 38, 40, 43, 39 and 34. He moved to Sunderland in 1961 and in two full campaigns scored 29 and 24, the latter in only 24 matches. All his career, apart from his final three matches (which were with Sunderland in Division One), was spent in Division Two.

For a spell, when Hartlepool were suffering one of their frequent financial problems, he refused to draw his salary. Now his enthusiasm is bringing its just rewards.

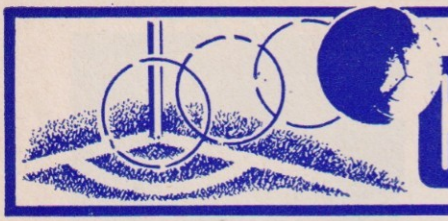
Man in the Middle

JOHN QUINN (Middlesbrough)

AFTER THREE YEARS as a Football League linesman, JOHN QUINN this season achieved his ambition to become a League referee. He served his apprenticeship in the North Regional League, the Northern League, the Football Combination and the Central League.

An executive member of the Northern section of the Association of Football League Referees and Linesmen, Mr. Quinn takes a keen interest in the welfare of fellow referees. He is also an executive member of the North Riding Referees Society.

Married, with an eight-year-old son, Mr. Quinn lives at Normanby, near Middlesbrough, and is a chartered company secretary by profession. At the present moment he is engaged in systems and operational research work.



CORNER KICKS

● LONG DISTANCE LILYWHITES

A bumper postbag last week in response to our request for details of mileage covered by Supporters in watching North End.

From LONDON, N.W.11, RUSSELL JACKSON, aged 18, writes that he travels each week to see North End at home and away. Already this season Russell has travelled over 5,600 miles and goes on to say that in eight seasons he has only missed sixteen matches.

Moving house to STOCKPORT three years ago does not stop STEVEN WILKINS from travelling to Deepdale regularly. Another supporter from CHESHIRE is F. N. MELBOURNE of LYMN who along with his Father makes the long trip up to Deepdale each match day.

The Star Letter comes from NORWAY and printed below is an extract from a letter received this week by Club Chairman Mr. ALLAN HARRISON.

" I am a Norwegian boy, who is very interested in English Football and my favourite club is and always will be PRESTON NORTH END. My biggest dream is to have a Club Badge, Autographs and a Programme of my favourite Club. I hope the team will get promotion this season, for I think the team contains many good players. My father is also a Preston North End Supporter, and his favourite player for the Club was TOM FINNEY."

Best Wishes,

Up the North End

Willy Soltvedt,
KR Jansonsvei 41,
5030 Landaas,
Bergen, Norway.

● TELEPHONE LINK

Supporters who will not be making the journey to Hull City on Friday, 20th December, 1968, will be able to keep in touch by telephone. Hull City have installed a modern telephone answering machine which on match days gives up to the minute reports on goalscorers and other relevant facts whilst the match is in progress. Supporters wishing to take advantage of this service next Friday evening should RING HULL 211422

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QUIZ ANSWERS

1—Chocolate, amber and blue.
2—The club had been in existence only four years when invited, in 1888, to become one of The League's 12 original members.
3—In only their second season they sensationally knocked redoubtable Aston Villa out of the F.A. Cup.
4—"Old Invincibles" centre forward Johnny Goodall of the Preston team that achieved the League and Cup double.
5—Long-serving celebrity Steve Bloomer, England's then incomparable inside right.
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7—Former professional player George Jobey.

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SUPPORTERS' CLUB EXCURSION
The Supporters Club are running a coach to Hull City on Friday, 20th December, 1968, leaving at 1.30 p.m. For further details of price contact the travel Secretary, Mr. T. Dimmock, at the Clubhouse. Please note that the Kick-off at Hull is 7.30 p.m.

HULL CITY SUPPORTERS' CLUB
Hull City Supporters' Club is situated on the ground at Boothferry Park. All North End Supporters travelling to the game will be most welcome to call either before or after the game, for a drink and light refreshments.

LILYWHITE ZONE AT HULL
The meeting place on the ground for North End Supporters travelling to Hull will be the NORTH TERRACE, behind the goal, price 5/-, Juniors 3/-.

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Referee

J. QUINN
(Middlesbrough)

LAST FOOTBALL POST

Linesmen

Red Flag:
R. Parker

Yellow Flag:
S. Poulton

NEXT HOME GAMES

Saturday, 21st December, 1968 — Central League — Kick-off 3-0 p.m.
Preston North End Reserve v. Blackpool Reserve

Saturday, 28th December, 1968 — Football League — Kick-off 3-0 p.m.
PRESTON NORTH END v. MILLWALL

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